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1 Corinthians



The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians



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Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023



Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	September	10	Review & Preview
2	September	17	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
3	September	24	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
4	October	1	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5	October	8	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
6	October	15	1 Corinthians 12:21-31
7	October	22	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
8	October	29	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
9	November	5	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
10	November	12	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
11	November	19	1 Corinthians 16:1-11
12	November	26	1 Corinthians 16:12-24



Concerning Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12-14



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- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
 - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
 - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
 - D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
 - 1. True Spirituality (12:1-3).
 - 2. The Diversity of Gifts in One Body (12:4-31).
 - 3. The Crucial Accompaniment—Love (13:1-13).
 - 4. Prophecy and Tongues (14:1-40).
 - E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).
 - F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).
- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).



A Preview of 1 Corinthians 12-14

- 12:1-31a—Focus on church unity with diverse gifts from the Holy Spirit.
- 12:31b-13:13—A digression? No. Apart from love, the exercise of the Spirit's gifts is not only useless but injurious.
- 14:1-40—Features the purpose of the Spirit's gifts, for the edification of the body. Paul insists on individual control of the use of the gifts and restricts the number of prophecies and tongues speakers in church meetings.



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1 Corinthians 12:1-3



Now, concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to mute idols, however, you were led. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.



The Crucial Test: Jesus Is Lord

- “Now, concerning” A new portion of Paul’s letter.
- Why does Paul begin this discussion focusing on Christ’s Lordship?
- A hint in 12:1—“Now, concerning the spiritual ones. . . .”
- Paul addresses what constitutes *spirituality*.
 - The temptation of the showy gifts—“The spiritual ones are the gifted ones.”
- Earlier use of the same word in 1 Cor. 2:14-15—“the spiritual person.”
 - The natural vs. the spiritual.
 - Paul’s mocking rebuke.
- Paul reminds the Corinthians of their pre-Christian paganism. Why?
- “Jesus is Lord! Versus “Jesus be accursed!”
 - “Jesus is Lord” is a totalizing confession, all-encompassing.



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Foreword by Charles Colson

IDOLS
For
DESTRUCTION

**The Conflict of
Christian Faith and
American Culture**

Herbert Schlossberg



1 Corinthians 12:4-11



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another, the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another, various kinds of tongues, to another, the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.



Diversity In Unity

1 Corinthians 4-11 consists of two segments.

1. 12:4-6—Varieties of Gifts but One Spirit.

2. 12:7-11—Varieties of Gifts but One Common Good.



Varieties of Gifts but One Spirit

- Paul cast these verses around the Trinity.
 - Varieties of gifts but the same **Spirit**.
 - Varieties of service but the same **Lord**.
 - Varieties of activities but the same **God**.
- Paul expands his point from 12:1-3.
 - The chasm between pagan beliefs and Christian beliefs.
 - The extraordinary gifts of prophesying and tongue speaking are the Spirit's work, not humanly contrived.
 - Gifts are from God.
 - No room for arrogance, pride, or boasting as if giftedness is the measure of spirituality.



Varieties of Gifts but One Common Good

- Paul expands on the nature of the gifts from the Spirit.
 - “To each is given. . . .” A gift, not of human endeavor.
 - “To each,” God gifts each of his children.
 - “The manifestation of the Spirit”—two senses.
 - The Spirit is manifested.
 - The Spirit produces the manifestation.

Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Now, when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:17-19).



Varieties of Gifts but One Common Good

- 12:8-10—Paul lists varieties of gifts.
 - Utterance of wisdom.
 - Utterance of knowledge.
 - Faith.
 - Healing.
 - Working miracles.
 - Prophecy.
 - Speaking in tongues.
 - Interpretation of tongues.



Varieties of Gifts but One Common Good

- 12:11—The Spirit’s gifts do not derive from human authority or ingenuity. God’s Spirit gives them according to his own purposes.
- The Spirit sovereignly gives the gifts.
- Christians have no ground for boasting in the gifts they exercise.
- “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:22-23).



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